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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7272

BILL NUMBER: HB 1201

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 8, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Lawson L

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill transfers the administration of the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund to the Indiana Commission for Women. The bill provides that at least 70% of the money in the fund shall be used to provide financial support to rape crisis centers. It provides that not more than 20% of the money in the fund is to be used to improve services to sexual assault victims.

Effective Date: July 1, 2004; July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Current statute requires the Department of Health (DOH) to oversee the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund. This bill transfers administration of the Fund to the Indiana Commission for Women. The Department of Workforce Development staffs and provides administrative support to the Commission. This bill would result in a shift of administrative responsibilities from the DOH to the Department of Workforce Development.

The bill adds to current statute, indicating that 70% of the money in the Fund shall be used to provide financial support to rape crisis centers. Furthermore, that not more than 20% shall be used to improve services for sexual assault victims.

Background Information: In FY 2003, the Sexual Assault Victims Assistance Fund collected \$14,272 in revenue.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health; Department of Workforce Development.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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